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SUBJ: REVIEWING LABOR ATTACHE PROGRAM--REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

1. LABOR SECRETARY OPLE AUG 10 REQUESTED LABATT OBTAIN FOR HIM ALL AVAILABLE MATERIALS ON US LABOR ATTACHE PROGRAM, INCLUDING REPORTING GUIDELINES, RECRUITMENT/SELECTION AND TRAINING (FSI LABOR SEMINAR). HE SAID GOP'S NINE CURRENT LABOR ATTACHES PURSUING NARROW AND ILL-COORDINATED ACTIVITIES, CONCENTRATING TOO EXCLUSIVELY ON "CONSULAR" FUNCTION OF PROTECTING INTERESTS OF FILIPINO WORKERS EMPLOYED IN COUNTRIES OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT. FEW REPORT ADEQUATELY OR BROADLY AND MOST "INCAPABLE" OF DRAFTING ASSESSMENTS USEFUL TO EITHER LABOR OR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS. HE PLANS TO COORDINATE WITH LATTER IN ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF FUTURE ASSIGNEES (HE IMPLIED NUMBER OF THOSE NOW ABROAD TO BE REPLACED), DEVELOPING PRE-ASSIGNMENT TRAINING PROGRAM SIMILAR TO FISI'S, AND PUTTING TOGETHER CERP-TYPE REPORTING REQUIREMENT GUIDE.

2. OPLE QUIZZED LABATT EXTENSIVELY ABOUT BEX PANEL EXAMINATIONS OF LABOR SPECIALIST APPLICANTS (FSR) AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WAYS OF TESTING CANDIDATES' DRAFTING ABILITY. HE NOTED ADVANTAGE IN STATE'S SYSTEM OF EMPLOYING LABOR SPECIALIST DIRECTLY RATHER THAN ACCEPTING THEM AS SECONDED
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OFFICERS FROM LABOR MINISTRY (UK PATTERN), BUT HE NOT SURE

SECONDMENT NOT MOST SUITABLE SYSTEM FOR GOP AT PRESENT.

3. LABATT WOULD LIKE TO PASS APPROPRIATE MATERIALS RE ABOVE
TO OPLE PRIOR FORMER'S DEPARTURE MANILA SEPT 1 IF POSSIBLE.
CAN S/IL AND LABOR DEPT SUPPLY?
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